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Nobuo HAINO et al.

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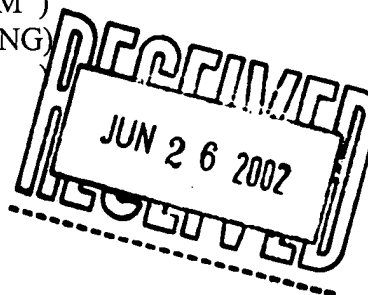
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

The references included in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a corresponding European Patent Application. A copy of the search report from the European Patent Office citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

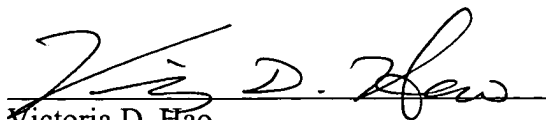
A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed search report and listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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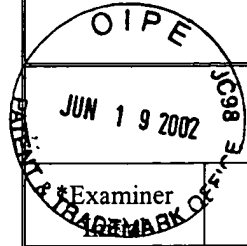
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		EP 0 967 608	Dec. 29, 1999	EP	G11B	27/034		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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